Mrs. Elizabeth Hardy
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Rev. and dear Sir.

I received your letter with great pleasure, and was happy to find you had not forgotten me. You wished to know concerning my sickness. I was very sick for a number of days, and at first had the appearance of a long and severe illness. I employed a Homeopathic physician, and contrary to expectation speedily recovered, which greatly increases my obligations to my heavenly Father. My health is now quite comfortable, but the loss of Mary still bears heavily upon me. I do indeed feel that the last tie that bound me to earth, is broken — and my greatest desire is to be ready to meet my Savior in peace and join our dear departed friends in praises to Him which shall never end. I do humbly trust my afflictions have been, in some degree sanctified, and though my heart still bleeds, I can say, "tho' He slay me, yet will I trust in Him." I think I shall always remember the short season I was at your house, painful and sad as were the scenes through which I passed, yet, there was mingled with them so much kindness and attention from you and your friends that given me the strongest feelings of gratitude. I have thought much of the example of submission and true resignation I had placed before me while there, and hope I shall profit by it. I want my will all swallowed up in the will of God & to lie passive in his hands. I hope you will often remember me in your prayers, — I feel the need of them. I am your obliged & unworthy friend Elizabeth Hardy